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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held the second part of its thirty-eighth session at United Nations Headquarters from 17 to 28 August 1998. It held five formal meetings (24th–28th meetings) and a number of informal consultations.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the second part of the thirty-eighth session, adopted by the Committee at its 24th meeting, is reproduced in annex I.

B. Attendance

3. The following States members of the Committee were represented at the second part of the thirty-eighth session:

Argentina
Austria
Bahamas
Brazil
Cameroon
China
Congo
Egypt
France
Germany
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Italy
Japan
Mexico
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Pakistan
Poland
Republic of Korea

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Romania
Russian Federation
Thailand
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Uruguay
Zambia
Zimbabwe

4. The Democratic Republic of the Congo was not represented at the second part of the thirty-eighth session.

5. One seat from the Group of Western European and Other States remains to be filled.

6. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented as observers:

Algeria
Australia
Bangladesh
Belarus
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Ghana
India
Kazakhstan
Panama
Philippines
Saudi Arabia
Spain
Sweden
Tunisia

7. The following specialized agency was represented:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

8. The Under-Secretary-General for Management, the Controller and senior officials of the United Nations Secretariat participated in the work of the Committee.

C. Documentation

9. The list of documents before the Committee at the second part of its thirty-eighth session is set forth in annex II.

D. Adoption of the report of the Committee

10. At its 28th meeting, on 28 August 1998, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of the second part of its thirty-eighth session (E/AC.51/1998/L.9 and Add.1–4).

Annex I

Agenda for the second part of the thirty-eighth session of the Committee

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [item 2].

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [item 3]:

   (b) Outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001.

3. Programme questions [item 4]:

   (b) Revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001:

   Programme 6. Africa: New Agenda for Development;

   Programme 13. International drug control;

   (c) Proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

4. Adoption of the report of the Committee on the second part of its thirty-eighth session [item 9].

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at the second part of its thirty-eighth session

A/53/6 (Programme 6)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001 Programme 6. Africa: New Agenda for Development
A/53/6 (Programme 13/Rev.1)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001 Programme 13. International Drug Control
A/53/133	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation
A/53/220	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000–2001
E/AC.51/1998/9	Note by the Secretariat on the annotated provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-eighth session
E/AC.51/1998/L.8	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the second part of its thirty-eighth session
E/AC.51/1998/L.9/Add.1–4	Draft report of the Committee on the second part of its thirty-eighth session
E/AC.51/1998/INF.2	List of delegations

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (item 3 (c))

1. At its 26th and 27th meetings, on 19 and 21 August 1998, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/53/220).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the report of the Secretary-General and responded orally and subsequently in writing to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. Delegations attached great importance to the report of the Secretary-General. The Committee noted that the report had been submitted in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986. Views were expressed that the substantive contents of the report were not in full compliance with the provisions of that resolution. It was expressed that the preliminary estimate included new elements to be incorporated in the proposed budget for the biennium 2000–2001, such as anticipated savings in the amount of $20 million and resources for the Development Account in the amount of $13.1 million. Commitment to that resolution was reiterated by members of the Committee. The view was expressed that the outline was a useful tool designed to guide decision-making on the overall level of resources for the next budget period. Views were expressed that the

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outline was a preliminary estimate of resources to accommodate the programme of activities during the biennium.

4. Queries were raised on the overall level of resources proposed, namely, $2,468.5 million. It was noted that a provision of $20 million had been made for new mandates for the convening of major conferences and special sessions during the biennium 2000–2001, including preparations for the Millennium Assembly, implementation of decisions of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem and the reinforcement of programmes such as the United Nations Office in Nairobi. Views were expressed that one-time costs in the biennium 1998–1999 amounting to $1.9 million and 1998–1999 appropriations for special political missions amounting to $61.9 million had been excluded in the preliminary estimate. Views were also expressed that, according to General Assembly resolution 41/213, the appropriations for special political missions should not be included in the preliminary estimate contained in the budget outline.

5. Concern was expressed about the continued reduction in the budget during the past consecutive bienniums. Concerns and doubts were expressed about whether the indicative resources contained in the outline were sufficient to enable the Organization to function effectively and efficiently, both in quantitative and qualitative terms, without further reductions in mandated activities. Concern was expressed that the progressive reduction of resource levels in the programme budget had led to increased recourse to extrabudgetary funding and peacekeeping budgets to carry out activities that normally should be funded from the regular budget. In this connection, it was emphasized that the necessary resources must be made available for the implementation of all mandated programmes and activities. The negative growth contained in the outline was noted with concern and the need to implement all the mandates approved by Member States was indicated.

6. Views were also expressed that the proposed programme budget outline was the reflection of the ongoing reform efforts of the Secretary-General to streamline and improve the functioning of the Secretariat. In this regard, support was given to the efforts made by the Secretary-General for administrative and budgetary reform to increase efficiency and effectiveness. Views were expressed that transparency and accountability should be maintained in the process of preparing and implementing the budget. At the same time, concern was expressed about the basis for the proposed economies in the order of $20 million in the proposal of the Secretary-General. It was pointed out that reform should not necessarily mean a reduction in the budget, but should result in the strengthening of the Organization's role in order to enable it to meet its challenges. The view was expressed that true savings must be achieved by reducing costs while continuing to produce the same or better programme results. It was stressed that the projected savings of $20 million should not adversely affect the implementation of programmes. It was pointed out that "efficient" did not mean "cheap". Concern was also expressed about the expectation of further economies in the non-programme areas to be redeployed to the Development Account, which stood at the level of $13.1 million, representing the carry-over of the current level of funds appropriated in the biennium 1998–1999.

7. The Secretariat was requested to give detailed justification for the proposed increases or decreases in the indicative estimates for the 13 parts of the budget, including all legislative mandates for which corresponding increases or decreases had been proposed in the budget outline. This was necessary, as very definitive and specific proposals had been made in the annex to the report.

8. Views were expressed that the General Assembly, in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, had created a new section 34 on the Development Account in the regular budget. Therefore, it should be subject to the relevant regulations, rules and resolutions of

the United Nations. The Secretariat was requested to explain on what basis it had calculated the figure of $13.1 million for the next biennium, as the General Assembly had yet to take a final decision on the utilization, during the current biennium, of the Development Account. The reports on the use of the available funds requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/235 of 26 June 1998 should have been considered by the Committee, as well as by the relevant intergovernmental bodies, namely, the Second and Fifth Committees of the Assembly. In the next biennium, normal budgetary procedures should be followed, after the Assembly takes a decision on the sustainability of the Development Account.

9. While responses were provided by the Secretariat, views were expressed that further elaboration on some matters was required.

10. The view was expressed that the Secretariat should make every effort to address the issue of gender-sensitivity in the budgetary process.

11. It was noted that the priorities recommended in the report reflected those approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996. The view was expressed that particular attention should be given to allocating additional resources to the priority areas related to the critical situation in Africa and humanitarian affairs. Views were also expressed that the allocation of resources shown in the proposed preliminary indicative estimate for the biennium 2000–2001 should be made in accordance with the priorities approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/219. In this regard, it was noted with concern that the major increase, in terms of percentage, in the proposed preliminary estimate was allocated to the Office of Internal Oversight Services, which was not a priority area approved by the General Assembly.

12. Views were expressed that the budget outline should have included inflation and currency adjustments. Views were also expressed that the question of adjustments for inflation and currency fluctuations should continue to be addressed in accordance with the current practice, as stipulated in annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213. Views were also expressed that, in accordance with established practice based on Assembly resolution 41/213, the outline would be recosted once the costing parameters of the first performance report for the current biennium had been reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and submitted to the Fifth Committee.

13. With regard to the question of special political missions of a recurrent nature, it was generally agreed that the current arrangements for budgeting were unsatisfactory, as resource provisions were required after the adoption of the budget outline, thereby undercutting the basic purpose of the outline exercise. The question should be the subject of analysis and should continue to be considered.

14. Views were expressed that provision should nevertheless be made for financing special political missions, in keeping with General Assembly resolution 41/213. In response to queries, the Committee was informed that a full provision for such missions would amount to $120 million for the biennium 2000–2001. In this connection, the earlier proposal of the Secretary-General (see A/C.5/51/57, para. 6) was noted. By that proposal, such special political missions could be included as a one-line provision in the budget outline. That amount would then be appropriated, but its utilization would be subject to individual legislative mandates and approval by the General Assembly as and when it approved or renewed such mandates. It was also noted by the Committee that, while the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions had agreed with the Secretary-General, the Assembly had taken no action.

15. The view was expressed that the proposed level of the budget in the outline for the biennium 2000–2001, namely, $2,468.5 million, should not, after recosting and provision

for special political missions, exceed the initial appropriations for the current biennium, namely, $2,532 million, and that there could be no flexibility in this matter. Views were also expressed that the preliminary estimate in the budget outline did not represent a ceiling for the preparation of the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001.

16. The view was expressed that, as the budget outline conformed with the process mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213, which was predicated on the full financing of the budget, once approved and appropriated, payment of assessed contributions was therefore an integral part of the budget process.

Conclusions and recommendations

17. The Committee examined the outline, using as a framework the four factors listed in paragraph 1 of the report of the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/213, annex I:

(a) The preliminary estimate of resources to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium;

(b) Priorities, reflecting trends of a broad sectoral nature;

(c) Real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget;

(d) Size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources.

18. The Committee took note of the Outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/53/220) and recommended that the General Assembly give further consideration to all the aspects contained in the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget outline for 2000–2001, taking into account the views of Member States as reflected above in the discussion part of the present section and taking into account the following:

(a) The preliminary estimate should be adequate for full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities;

(b) The size of the contingency fund should be 0.75 per cent of the budget outline;

(c) The priorities should be those proposed by the Secretary-General, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/219;

(d) The preliminary indicative allocation of resources, the provisions for anticipated savings and the provisions for the Development Account should be further examined on a priority basis;

(e) The arrangements for financing special political missions and the treatment of currency fluctuations and inflation should be examined by the General Assembly, as a matter of priority, in the light, *inter alia*, of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/57) and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee thereon (A/52/7/Add.2).

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Programme questions

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001

***Programme 6. Africa*: New Agenda for Development**

1. At its 24th and 25th meetings, on 17 and 18 August 1998, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001. It had before it the proposal in respect of programme 6, Africa: New Agenda for Development.

Discussion

2. It was pointed out that successful implementation of the programme would require further improvement and enhancement of linkages between all three subprogrammes and strengthening of the coordination among the organizational units of the Secretariat responsible for the programme implementation.

3. The need for further coordination of efforts of African countries and support of the international community in the implementation of the New Agenda within the framework of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa was stressed. It was recalled that certain criteria and indicators for assessment of the progress achieved in carrying out activities of the Special Initiative for the implementation of the New Agenda should be developed in preparation of its final review to be undertaken in the year 2002.

4. The view was expressed that the revisions should have reflected more clearly social aspects of development in Africa as one of the objectives of the programme, in particular in the field of basic education.

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5. The view was expressed that the implementation of the action-oriented guidelines to be adopted at the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development should be encouraged in the context of subprogramme 6.1, in accordance with the relevant actions taken by the General Assembly.

6. The view was also expressed that the role of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa, in relation to the New Agenda presented in the revision of subprogramme 6.2 was not fully in line with resolution 51/32 of 6 December 1996, in which the General Assembly recognized the complementary role of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa in the implementation of the New Agenda, including the mobilization of adequate resources, while avoiding unnecessary duplication of activities, and with the subsequent recommendations of the Committee made at its thirty-seventh session and the first part of its thirty-eighth session.

7. The view was expressed that, within the framework of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa, the role of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in the implementation of subprogramme 6.2 had been broadened and included the facilitation of the implementation of the action programmes for African development, and that, accordingly, the title of subprogramme 6.2 should be revised to reflect that aspect. The view was also expressed that the revisions of subprogramme 6.2 should have reflected the leadership role of the United Nations Development Programme at the national level through the United Nations Development Assistance Framework process, and that the role of ECA was to contribute to the process at the field level.

8. The view was expressed that the mandate of ECA might not include such aspects as formulating technical assistance programmes and mobilization of resources. Concern was raised as to the possible duplication of activities related to dissemination of information with those entrusted to the Department of Public Information under subprogramme 6.3.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. The Committee welcomed the proposed revisions to programme 6. It stressed the importance it attached to African development and reaffirmed the priority assigned to Africa by the General Assembly.

10. The Committee recommended approval of the revisions to programme 6 of the medium-term plan, subject to the following modifications:

A. Programme

(a) In the last sentence of new paragraph 6.3, *replace* as defined by African countries themselves *with* in accordance with priorities set by national Governments.

(b) *Insert* the last sentence of new paragraph 6.4 as new paragraph 6.3 *bis* as follows: The document entitled "Relaunching Africa's economic and social development: the Cairo Agenda for Action", which the General Assembly took note of in resolution 50/160, not only focused on what Africa could do for itself but also reaffirmed the contribution the international community could make to Africa's recovery and development.

(c) *Replace* the first three sentences of new paragraph 6.4 *with* The Tokyo International Conference on African Development, held in 1993, stressed the ownership of African countries in their nation-building efforts, renewed the commitment of the international community to African development and provided an impetus for increased cooperation between Africa and Asia. The Second Tokyo International

Conference on African Development is scheduled for October 1998 and will aim at furthering African development based on the principle of ownership and partnership, focusing on such areas as education and health care, women empowerment and agricultural and private sector development, some of which are also priority areas of the New Agenda. In its resolution 51/32 on the mid-term review of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, the General Assembly took note of the outcome of the High-level Seminar on African Development, held at Tokyo on 27 and 28 August 1996.

(d) *Replace* the last sentence of new paragraph 6.5 *with* At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly will review the recommendations contained in the report and the Economic and Social Council will review their implementation at its substantive session of 1999.

B. Subprogrammes

Subprogramme 6.1

(a) In paragraph 6.5:

(i) Retain the current paragraph with the new department name

(ii) At the end of the paragraph, add the last sentence of new paragraph 6.8

(b) Delete the proposed addition to paragraph 6.6 (b)

(c) In paragraph 6.6 (e), *replace* policy and operational levels *with* policy level

(d) In paragraph 6.6, new subparagraph (f):

(i) *Replace* various *with* measures and approved

(ii) *Delete* of the Secretary-General to the Security Council

(iii) *Delete* monitoring

(e) At the end of paragraph 6.6 (current subparagraph (f)), *add* in mobilization of sufficient resources

Subprogramme 6.2

(a) In the title of the subprogramme, *insert* facilitation *after* assessment

(b) In the first sentence of paragraph 6.7, *after* ECA *insert* in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and within the framework of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

(c) In paragraph 6.8 (a), *after* United Nations agencies *replace* to the implementation *with* at the regional level in the context

(d) In paragraph 6.8 (b), *replace* To facilitate *with* To contribute to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s in facilitating

(e) In paragraph 6.8 (d), *replace* To assist Member States *with* To contribute to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

(f) In paragraph 6.8 (e), *replace* and *with* through

Subprogramme 6.3

(a) In paragraph 6.10 (a), *after* press releases *insert* as well as the use of other means and strategies of communications for better reach

(b) In paragraph 6.10 (b), *after* economic *insert* and social

(c) In paragraph 6.10 (c), *replace* Special Initiative *with* United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, in the context of its final review and appraisal by the General Assembly in the year 2002.

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Programme questions (item 4 (b))

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001

Programme 13. International drug control

1. At its 24th and 25th meetings, on 17 and 18 August 1998, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001. It had before it the proposal in respect of programme 13, International drug control.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the report of the Secretary-General and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. The proposed revisions were generally supported. It was considered that the revisions reflected in a well-balanced manner the new and expanded mandates adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session. The view was expressed that the United Nations Drug Control Programme should develop specific guidelines aimed at assisting developing countries in the implementation of the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at the special session.

4. The view was also expressed that there was a potential risk of globalization of the drug phenomenon and that civil society and non-governmental organizations could play a greater role in combating drug abuse.

5. Views were expressed in support of a balanced approach to the prevention and reduction of drug abuse, with demand reduction and supply reduction now constituting equal

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sides of the drug control efforts. The general principles underlying regional cooperation, objectives related to amphetamine-type stimulants and to prevention and reduction of drug abuse, particularly among youth, the elaborations made on information and technology, and the focus on the United Nations Drug Control Programme as the centre of expertise proposed in the revisions were supported.

6. The view was also expressed that the organizational structure of the Programme should adequately correspond to the new and expanded task to be implemented, as decided by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session.

7. The view was also expressed that responsibilities of the consumer countries for prevention and reduction of drug abuse and their obligations for funding the drugs supply reduction should have been reflected in the revisions. A view was further expressed about the responsibility of suppliers of technologies and components for the processing of drugs. Views were also expressed that the revisions should have put more emphasis on such high-risk groups as young people and children and highlight the responsibilities of the general education system and family in the prevention of drug abuse. In this context, attention was drawn to the advantages and disadvantages of the use of modern communication technologies, in particular the Internet.

8. Views were expressed that technical assistance in monitoring illicit cultivation should be provided at the request of Governments to enable them to monitor illicit cultivation in their countries. A view was also expressed that reference should be made in the revisions to illicit cultivation in greenhouses. Views were also expressed that the use of advanced technologies, such as satellite systems for collecting information on illicit cultivation, should be reviewed by the United Nations Drug Control Programme, in close consultation with Member States, prior to any steps taken in that direction.

9. A view was expressed that the objectives mentioned in subparagraph 13.8 (d) should not be limited to the field of precursors. In the light of the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, the United Nations should collect information on policies implemented by Member States and analyse the conclusions resulting from the implementation of national strategies. This objective implies the strengthening of the missions and means of action of the International Narcotics Control Board.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. In relation to subprogramme 13.4, paragraph 13.10 (a), the Committee took note that the collection of data through technologies, such as satellite systems for collecting information on illicit drug cultivation was under consideration by the appropriate organs of the United Nations.

11. The Committee recommended approval of the revisions to programme 13 of the medium-term plan, subject to the following modifications:

(a) In the second sentence of paragraph 13.7 (c), *insert* civil *before* society

(b) In the second sentence of paragraph 13.9 (a), *insert* quantitative and qualitative *before* key

(c) Paragraph 13.10 (a),

(i) In the first sentence, *after* cultivation *insert* including production in enclosed premises,

(ii) In the last sentence,

a. *After* provided *insert* at the request of Governments

b. *After* cultivation *insert* in their respective territories

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Add reference to General Assembly resolution 52/92 of 12 December 1997

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Programme questions (item 4 (c))

Proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation

1. At its 20th meeting, on 17 June 1998, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/53/133).

Discussion

2. It was noted that the Regulations and Rules needed to be updated so as to reflect the new format of the medium-term plan, current practices and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly adopted since the last amendments approved by the Assembly in its resolution 42/215 of 21 December 1987.

Conclusions and recommendations

3. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General, subject to the following modifications:

(a) ***Regulation 3.1***

In paragraph 2 (b),

(i) ***Delete*** **major**

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(ii) Retain current paragraph 2 (d).

(b) *Regulation 4.2*

(i) At the end of the first sentence, *add* and subprogrammes.

(ii) In the third sentence, *insert* clearly *before* reflect.

(iii) Delete the last sentence.

(c) *Regulation 4.6*

(i) In the second sentence, *after* congruence *add* , to the extent possible,

(ii) In the last sentence, *replace* expected results to be achieved *with* accomplishments.

(d) *Revise regulation 4.7 to read:*

The plan shall include an introduction which will constitute a key integral element in the planning process. The introduction shall be derived from legislative mandates set by intergovernmental organs, shall also identify future challenges, and shall:

(a) Highlight in a coordinated manner the policy orientation of the United Nations;

(b) Indicate the medium-term plan objectives and strategy and trends deduced from mandates which reflect priorities set by intergovernmental organs, as well as future challenges;

(c) Contain the Secretary-General's proposals on priorities.

(e) *Regulation 4.10*

Retain current regulation.

(f) *Regulation 4.13*

Retain current regulation.

(g) *Regulation 4.16*

Replace current regulation with the following:

Specialized intergovernmental bodies and expert bodies, when reviewing the relevant programmes of the medium-term plan within their sphere of competence, shall refrain from establishing priorities that are not consistent with the overall priorities established in the medium-term plan.

(h) Place Regulations 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.9, 4.12, 4.13 and 4.14 before 4.3.

(i) *Regulation 5.2*

Add

Programme proposals that are not derived from the objectives of the plan shall be submitted only as a result of legislation passed subsequent to the adoption of the plan or its last revision.

(j) *Regulation 5.4*

In the second sentence, *after* outputs *insert* , objectives and expected accomplishments during the biennium

(k) ***Revise Regulation 5.6 to read***:

Within the proposed programme budget, the Secretary-General shall submit to the General Assembly, with justification, a list of outputs included in the previous budgetary period which, in the judgement of the Secretary-General, can be discontinued and which, as a consequence, have not been included in the proposed programme budget.

(l) ***Regulation 6.1***

In the first sentence, *after* monitor *insert* accomplishments through

(m) ***Regulation 7.2***

Retain current regulation.

(n) ***Regulation 7.4***

Retain current regulation.

4. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary action, upon approval by the General Assembly of the revisions to the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, to revise and promulgate the relevant Rules.